



# BIOGRAPHY



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### Colonel David K. Gerber



Colonel David K. Gerber is commander, Officer Training School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. He is responsible to the commander of Air Force Officer Accession and Training Schools for commissioning and training 3,200 officers yearly, he commissions line officers through the Basic Officer Training program and provides initial officership training for newly commissioned chaplains, health professionals, and judge advocates through the Commissioned Officer Training program.

Colonel Gerber was commissioned in June 1984 through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program upon graduation from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) with a degree in electrical engineering. He subsequently earned a Master's Degree from MIT in 1985. He is a Command Pilot with over 2,400 flight hours in the F-15C as an instructor and evaluator in Germany, Virginia, and Florida. In 1997, he earned a Master of Airpower Art and Science from the School of Advanced Airpower Studies, Maxwell AFB, after which he developed strategy for Europe and Africa at Headquarters, U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, Germany. He returned to flying the F-15C in 1999 at RAF

Lakenheath, United Kingdom, where he commanded the 48<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Squadron. Upon completing his command, he moved to FedEx Express Headquarters in Memphis, Tennessee, where he worked with senior corporate executives as a Secretary of Defense Corporate Fellow. Prior to commanding OTS, he served on the Air Staff in the Pentagon as the Global Strike CONOPS Champion to integrate the Air Force's most advanced capabilities.

His experience includes control systems for electrical and aerospace systems, complex adaptive systems, fighter operations, joint military strategy and operations in several theaters and leadership and command.

### EDUCATION:

1984 Bachelor of Science, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass.

1985 Master of Science, Electrical Engineering, MIT, Cambridge, Mass.

1989 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

1996 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

1997 Master of Airpower Art and Science, School of Advanced Airpower Studies, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

## **ASSIGNMENTS:**

1985-1986, student, undergraduate pilot training, Williams Air Force Base, Ariz.  
1986, lead-in fighter training, Holloman Air Force Base, N.M.  
1986-1987, F-15 replacement training unit, 461<sup>st</sup> Tactical Fighter Training Squadron, Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.  
1987-1989, F-15C flight lead, 22<sup>nd</sup> Tactical Fighter Squadron, Bitburg Air Base, Germany  
1989, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.  
1989-1991, F-15A instructor pilot, 48<sup>th</sup> Fighter Interceptor Squadron, Langley Air Force Base, Va.  
1991-1995, F-15C replacement training unit instructor pilot and flight examiner, 95<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron, chief of weapons and tactics, 425<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Squadron, Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.  
1995-1996, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.  
1996-1997, student, School of Advanced Airpower Studies, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.  
1997-1999, strategist, Strategy, Resources and Congressional Affairs Division (ECJ-5S), Headquarters, U.S. European Command, Stuttgart, Germany  
1999-2001, F-15C mission commander, 493<sup>rd</sup> Fighter Squadron, RAF Lakenheath, England  
2001-2002, squadron commander, 48<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Squadron, RAF Lakenheath, England  
2002-2003, Secretary of Defense Corporate Fellows Program (Air Force Fellow and Senior Service School), FedEx Express Corporation, Memphis, Tenn.  
2003-2004, Global Strike CONOPS Champion, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.  
2004 – present, commander, Officer Training School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Defense Meritorious Service Medal  
Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster  
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster  
Joint Meritorious Unit Award  
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with one oak leaf cluster  
Combat Readiness Medal with four oak leaf clusters  
National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star  
Air Force Overseas Long Tour Ribbon with one oak leaf cluster  
Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon with Bronze Star

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Second Lieutenant	June 2, 1984
First Lieutenant	Nov. 16, 1986
Captain	Nov. 16, 1988
Major	Dec. 1, 1995
Lieutenant Colonel	July 1, 1999
Colonel	Aug. 1, 2003

(Current as of February 2005)